

2nd Grade Scoop

Nov. 7-11, 2011		Mrs. Spielmann	West Central Elementary
<p><u>Character Education</u> The Character Education word for November is: Citizenship. This is about helping young people understand the rights and responsibilities. Each week we will be giving away Subway certificates to students who exhibit Citizenship characteristics!</p> <hr/> <p><u>Social Studies/ Weekly Reader</u> This week we will be learning about different holidays. <u>Vocabulary Words:</u> <u>celebrate, traditions, holidays</u></p>	<p><u>Math</u> This week we will be working with subtraction strategies, and mental math. Please work with your child on memorizing math flash cards in addition and subtraction. We continue to do Mad Minute Math tests and CGI problems on a daily basis.</p> <hr/> <p><u>Just a reminder:</u> Homework is: *Study spelling words *Read for 20 minutes every night *Memorize math flash cards for addition and subtraction *Practice writing short stories *Please remember to initial your child's planner with time read each night</p>	<p><u>Creative Writing</u> We are writing stories every day. We use various prompts that are original, fun, and thought-provoking. The students really get excited when it is writing time. We also share our stories with the class on our "Author's Chair."</p> <hr/> <p><u>Spelling</u> The students are working on spelling with (ch, tch, sh, th) this week. We are doing Differentiated Spelling. Each child will come home with their own personal list of words in their Planners. Daily activities to reinforce spelling words include: Word Search, ABC Order, Double Puzzle, write a letter to your teacher using list words and finding meanings of the spelling words in the dictionary.</p>	 <p><u>Dates to Remember:</u> November 10 - Veteran's Day Program- 10:00 A.M. November 11 - No School November 16 - Inservice - 1:30 November 18 - Donuts for Dads, Trojan Buck Store, Game Night</p> <hr/> <p><u>Phonics & Grammar</u> Genre: Realistic Fiction and connect prior knowledge Reading: "Tanya's Garden" Guided Reading Groups: Fluency, comprehension skills, predicting, and author's message, realistic fiction, and author's purpose. Independent Reading and A.R. Tests ***** Check out this website to see if a book your child is reading at home is an AR Book. https://www.renlearn.com/store/quiz_home.asp</p>

Vocabulary

With our Language Arts series, the students are exposed to high frequency and robust vocabulary words. Vocabulary is critical to reading success because it supports comprehension and communication.

High Frequency Words for this week are: bought, draw, especially, minute, picture, question, sure, worry

Robust Vocabulary Words for this week are: filthy, adorn, fellow, executive, beautifying, renowned, kin, original

Quick Tip: To expose your child to these words, one suggestion may include placing word cards around the house and having the student read and define the words as they find them.

In our literacy centers, we place the words on index cards with the definitions on the back. The students read the cards and work with partners to become more familiar with the words.

Writing: (Writing complete sentences)

We will write paragraphs about various pictures. Writing

Trait: (Ideas) Conventions (using the correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling). We will also work on describing. The students will also work on using effective word choices in their writing—such as rhyming words and colorful words to clarify description and revise word choices.

Read Aloud Charts

"My Name" (describing how we listen for a purpose)

Students will discuss what they enjoyed most about the poem.

"Brush Dance" – Students will think about what is happening in the poem and the feeling they get from listening to it.

Listening Center

Stories:

"Jamaica Louise James & Lazy Thought" By Amy Hest

Genre: Realistic Fiction

While listening to these stories, the students will learn new vocabulary words which

include: draw, picture, question, minute, worry

The students will also orally discuss the beginning, middle, and end of the story & the author's message.

Snacks

7- Tevan

8 - Tanner

9- Gunnar & Connor

10 - Audrey

11- No school

Thanks for providing snacks!!



We will be singing at the Veteran's Day Program on November 10 at 10:00 in our gym. Please join us! Thank you! (please have your child wear red, white, and blue)

Quotes of the Week-

"Good schools, like good societies and good families, celebrate and cherish diversity!" Deborah Meier

"I hear. I forget. I see and I remember. I do, and I understand!" Chinese Proverb

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